

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, April 4, 2011, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips

Alderman Valerie Joh

Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote

Alderman Charles K. Marsh, Jr.

Alderman Larry A. Munsey

Alderman Tom C. Parham

Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

Joseph E. May, Interim City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips questioned the status of the City-owned property on Clinchfield Street and was advised by Designated Alderman Joh that an appraisal is necessary and forthcoming. He recommended putting a "For Sale" sign on it in the meantime. City Manager Campbell suggested more value could be gained from the property by waiting for the new businesses to open across the street (on the former Quebecor site). Mayor Phillips also noted the progress on the parking garage. Alderman Shupe asked if the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) had responded in regards to Engine 12. Vice-Mayor Mallicote stated the deadline was next Monday.
4. **PDA VISIONAIR SOFTWARE PRESENTATION.** Deputy Chief Dale Phipps gave a power point presentation highlighting the success of the PDA's purchased for the police department in conjunction with the Visionair software, noting increased productivity with less manpower. Alderman Marsh stated this was a great example of using capital and a wise return on investment.
5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE APRIL 5, 2011 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.AA.1 Public Hearing and Consideration of the 2011 Annual Action Plan for Community Development and Consideration of Resolutions Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive Fiscal Year 11/12 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funds (AF: 73-2011). Community Development Manager Mark Haga presented this item, discussing the breakdown and distribution of grant funds. Although the federal government has not allocated a specific dollar amount as of yet, the planning process is moving forward based on the previous year's figures.

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VI.AA.2 Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Rezone the Former Country Club Property Located at 2320 Pendragon Road (AF: 76-2011). Planning Manager Alan Webb gave details on this item, noting the Planning Commission had recommended this rezoning to allow for a public restaurant to be opened. He further stated that all property owners on Pendragon Road had been mailed a notice and no one has complained. There was some discussion on future repercussions should the rezoning be approved and the new business cease to exist. Mayor Phillips asked if the Board could meet this Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. on April 6, 2011 to entertain the second reading of this ordinance, to which everyone agreed.

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with the First Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability/First Tennessee Development District to Provide Health Benefit Counseling to Medicare Beneficiaries and Their Families (AF: 57-2011). Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt stated the goal of this project was to help citizens navigate the internet and this would be a good opportunity to use the computer lab at Lynn View Community Center.

VI.D.6 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Mt. Carmel to Provide Maintenance Services through the City of Kingsport Public Works Department (AF: 79-2011). Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave details on this item, noting Kingsport has several agreements of a similar nature with other cities. He stated Mt. Carmel is installing their first red light and they are asking for the Public Works Department to provide maintenance services for the traffic light.

VI.D.7 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Participate in the National League of Cities Prescription Discount Card Program for Citizens of the City of Kingsport (AF: 81-2011). City Manager Campbell stated this item was added, noting the pharmacy plan was of no cost to the individual or the City. Alderman Marsh voiced concerns regarding eligibility, savings and if pharmacies were actually in favor of this program. Mr. Campbell stated 90% of pharmacies were participating, with a strong list of local pharmacies as well. Alderman Shupe also pointed out that evidence shows 20% of the savings stays with the residents of Kingsport.

BOARD COMMENT. Mayor Phillips asked for a status update of the Aquatic Center. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt stated the permits from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation have been received and the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers is expected this week. The bid opening is set for April 28, 2011. Discussion ensued regarding the use of one contractor with two contracts, rather than two contractors (one for the YMCA and one for the City). Mayor Phillips questioned how to distinguish public dollars for private activities and Alderman Munsey noted it would be a similar situation as when the Meadowview Convention Center and hotel was constructed.

(NOTE: Alderman Shupe left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

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NOTE: At this time, a portion of the Capital Improvement Plan was presented to the Board.

City Manager Campbell gave an overview of capital improvements in Kingsport, a brief history as well as future projections. Assistant Public Works Director Michael Thompson gave details on active and ongoing road projects as well as those that are in the planning process but already funded. He then discussed several proposed local road projects to be addressed over the next five years. Mr. Thompson stated the benefits of these projects include economic development opportunities, reduced travel time and increased safety.

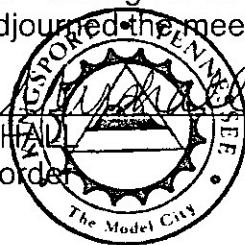
(Note: Alderman Shupe returned to the meeting at 6:35 p.m. during this discussion and Alderman Marsh left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. when this discussion was over.)

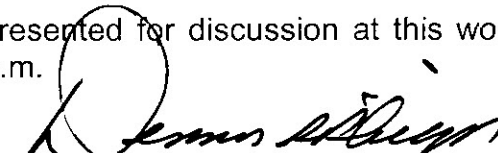
Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt gave a presentation on the proposed public 20,000 square foot library expansion. The existing 33,000 square feet will also be remodeled. In a power point presentation, he showed illustrations of the planned design both inside and outside this facility, noting this project is likely two years down the road. Library Manager Helen Whitaker also answered questions regarding the growing popularity of digital books and the need for additional computers. A fundraiser is also planned to supplement the cost for this project.

(Note: Alderman Munsey left at 6:52 p.m., Vice-Mayor Mallicote left at 6:55 p.m. and Alderman Parham left at 7:05 p.m. during this discussion.)

6. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor